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HCA, DSHS announce vendor to implement modern payroll system for individual providers

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Health Care Authority and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) announced today a contract has been signed with Public Partnerships, LLC (PPL) to implement a payroll system for individual providers of home care services.

The contract – which was also recently approved by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) – is the result of a procurement for a payroll vendor to implement a system that makes payments and meets the requirements of CMS as well as the collective bargaining agreement with SEIU Healthcare 775NW.

The project, which includes both DSHS and HCA, is part of a longstanding vision to consolidate all Medicaid, medical and other selected provider payments into a single payment system called ProviderOne.

“The procurement for this modern payroll system for individual providers is another significant milestone in the effort to improve management of the \$10.5 billion a year Medicaid program,” said Cathie Ott, an assistant director of the HCA and co-sponsor of the project.

Bill Moss, Assistant Secretary, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration in DSHS, added, “The new payroll system will boost our ability to ensure clients receive the right services from qualified providers, allow us to accurately account for services and improve our compliance with State and Federal requirements.”

Through the state’s partnership with PPL, approximately 40,000 providers who receive nearly \$500 million in payments annually will be transitioned to the new payroll system. These providers will have the option to complete time entry via the internet, find payment information, and get copies of tax-related documents.

The implementation schedule is still being finalized, but individual providers and state agency staff will receive communications and training well in advance of system implementation.

Funding for the new system includes up to \$2.9 million for implementation and up to \$26.5 million annually for operational costs. Between 75 and 90 percent of the costs qualify for federal funding.

ProviderOne is Washington State's federally certified Medicaid Management Information System and one of the state's most sophisticated computer systems, processing millions of dollars a month in payments for the Medicaid program.

ProviderOne has been successfully paying Medicaid claims for medical and nursing home services since 2010 (known as "Phase 1").

The next phase of the project – "Phase 2" – will expand payment processing to include individual providers represented by SEIU Healthcare 775NW and other social service providers such as community residential providers, home care agencies and medical providers that did not transition in the first phase of the project.

FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ProviderOne Phase 2 website: www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/providerone

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